

Statewide Parenting Programs for Mothers

Boston Municipal Court-West Roxbury – The Mothers Program was the first established in the state to help female probationers with parenting matters. Created by First Justice Kathleen E. Coffey and Assistant Chief Probation Officer Helen Brown, more than 150 women have graduated from the program.

Cambridge District Court – The Mothers Program celebrates seven years in existence. More than 140 court-involved mothers have graduated from this program which also meets over a 12-week period. A graduation ceremony is scheduled for May 15th. The program is run by Probation Officer Katherine Seoane.

Lawrence District Court – Probation Officer Danielle Murray runs the court's Motherhood Program which is almost two years old. So far, ten court-involved mothers have completed the program. The mothers are mostly in their early 20's and their offenses range from assault and battery to larceny more to malicious destruction of property to assault and battery with a dangerous weapon. "We have talked about how criminal acts affect your children," said Murray. A program graduation ceremony is scheduled for June at "Imagine That" in Lawrence.

Essex County Juvenile Court- "The Mothers Helping Mothers" Program is the newest addition to the Massachusetts Probation Service's parenting programs for mothers. This program holds 12-week sessions for court-involved juveniles in Lawrence, Haverhill, and Salem.